

### **REMARKS**

Claims 15 and 29-37 remain in the application. Claims 29-37 are allowed. Claims 1-14 and 16-28 are hereby canceled without prejudice to further prosecution in another application. Claim 15 is hereby amended. No new matter has been added.

### **Claim Objection**

Claim 15 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 15 was originally dependent upon claim 14, and claim 14 depended on claim 1. Claim 15 as amended now incorporates all of the limitations from original claims 1 and 14. Hence, applicants respectfully submit that claim 15 as amended now overcomes the objection.

Conclusion

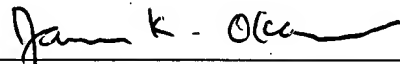
Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims have now been allowed or have been rewritten so as to be allowable. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, the examiner is invited to call the below-referenced attorney to discuss this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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